

MSSC Techniques Speed Championship

Event: Debden
Date: 10th May 2015
Weather: Dry, sunny and warm

Another year at Debden and another change of course brought about by the amount of stored aggregates near the old finish on this active military base and the increasing concerns for the safety of competitors.

There is every hope that the new course will remain unchanged for the time being and the feedback from drivers was very positive.

Longer, at 1.5 miles, and with a good mix of high speed straights and sharp bends it is a real test of nerve, brakes and tyres.

Four Morgans were entered but new recruit Ian Walker had to withdraw and we look forward to seeing him soon. So the class of three included Andrew Miller and Paul Bryan and it was good to welcome back Tracy Gateson to competitive action.

We were not able to walk the new course possibly due to its proximity to military installations and had to learn as much as we could from a slow convoy run. First practice was naturally a little restrained but we have to learn quickly and second practice was quicker all round as we took advantage of the warming temperatures and the grippy surface.

It was becoming apparent that the logistical problems for the organising club of dealing with the new course would probably restrict competition to two runs and the target times were calculated over the lunch break ready for the serious part of the day.

Andrew's first timed run seemed to be very serious although he did confess to a slight nudge of a chicane marker and we wondered whether this was noticed by the marshalls and whether there would be a 5 second penalty applied.

The marshalls were obviously very observant and did not need the photographic evidence.



Perhaps a blessing in disguise as his time would have made it so much harder for Class 10 next year.

The second runs were a little slower apart from Tracy's who was so pleased to improve over 12 seconds during the day but Andrew was quick enough to secure a comfortable class win

Paul Bryan